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in public and not  
lose any votes.



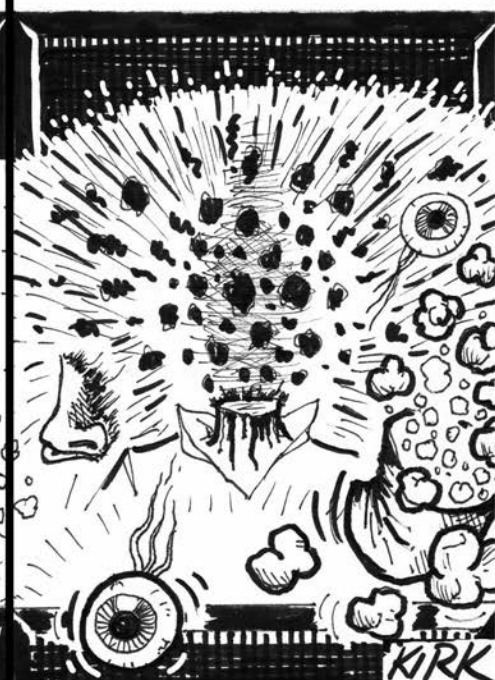
I can shoot someone  
in public and  
call it Tuesday.



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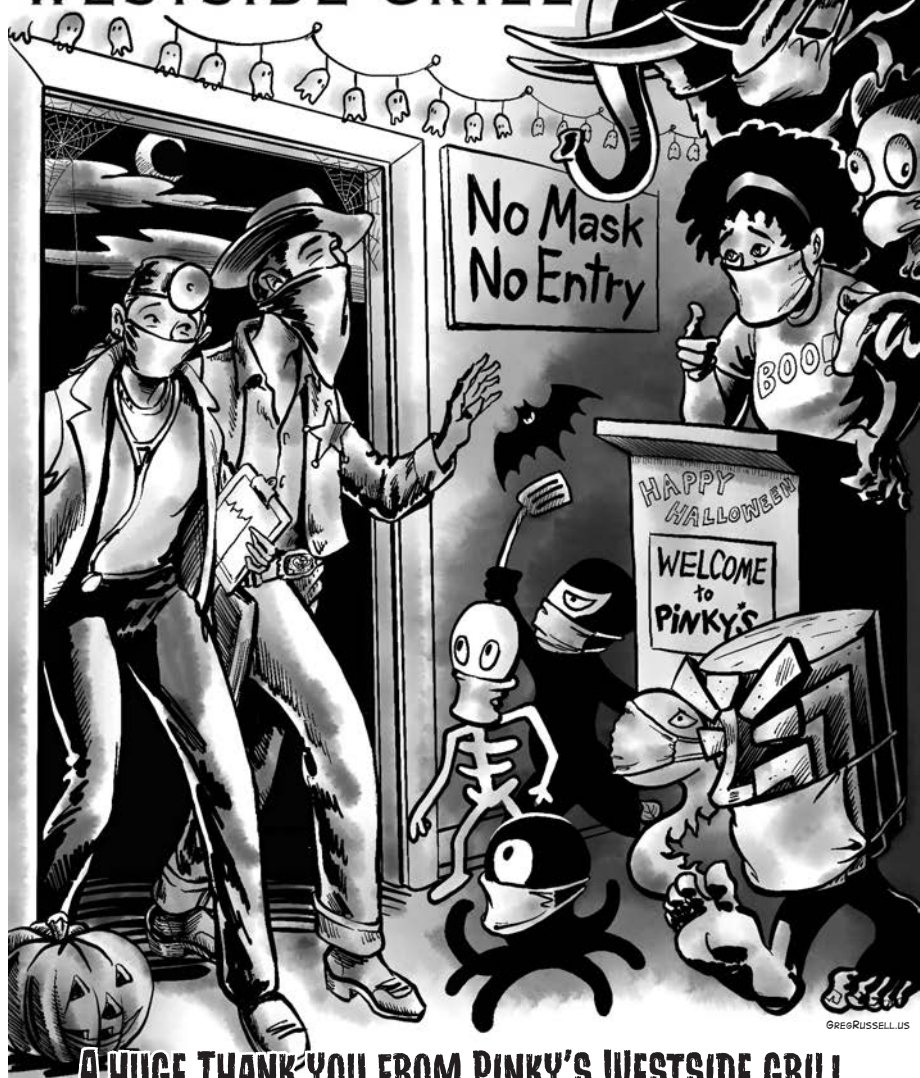


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# The Good Old Days

by Henry Eudy



Facefight

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I  
by Harriet Russell

I am the victim of life  
I am a victim of the distractions, rush to consume,  
lost in translation, on the go, hustle and bustle  
of all that is perceived as the status quo.

I am what happened  
When the profit margin  
Are the guidelines for success  
The humming of those  
New luxury high-end models  
Drown out the whimper of a call  
For help.

This was not the plan,  
There was no set intention to  
Escape the sounds of this new world  
This world so foreign to the cry  
Of the bleeding heart.

How do you translate,  
"I can't move at the speed of light? I need to slow down  
to the pace of my heartbeat"  
To a world that is illiterate to the sound of help,  
compassion, support.

So I escape the best way I know how,  
Not ignoring the negative stigma that surrounds it  
But in all attempts to avoid the roaring shout that  
engulfs my essence,  
That scream that says you are not fit for this world  
You move too slow  
Get out of the way!

So I escape.

art by Greg Russell

# A SIDEWALK PURRING

WHAT ARE YOU  
SUPPOSED TO BE?

I'M RABID.  
WHAT ARE YOU?

I'M A MUMMY.

OH MY GOSH CONGRATULATIONS!

A MUMMY, NOT A  
MOMMY, DUMMY.

AND WHAT ARE YOU?

I'M A WAREHARE!

HEY, WHAT ABOUT YOU?  
WHERE'S YOUR MASK?

OH ME? I DON'T NEED A MASK, I'M GOING AS A TRUMP SUPPORTER.

SPOOKY.

by alex lippert

# A SIDEWALK PURRING



HEY THERE FRIEND,  
WHAT'S GOTTEN  
YOU ALL BLUE?



THESE NEW DUMPSTER DIVERS HAVE  
BEEN BLOWING UP MY DUMPSTER  
I HAVEN'T EATEN IN DAYS



I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL PAL, THE  
WIFE AND I JUST MADE A COLONY  
SO IT'S BEEN PRETTY CROWDED.



BUT YOU KNOW WHAT BUDDY, THROUGH ALL THIS  
IT'S TAUGHT ME A VALUABLE LESSON ABOUT  
GROWTH AND MOLTING INTO A MATURE ADULT.  
TO TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING AND SOMEONE.  
TO OFFER UP YOURSELF INSTEAD OF...



HEY WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!



# CRUNCH



by alex lippert



# THE PRINCE'S BRIBE.

## 2020 Edition

**GREAT. You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means.**







**Wait a minute.  
Is this a kissing comic?**



**Why the mask?  
Were you  
burned by acid  
or something?**

**Oh, no. It's just  
they're terribly  
comfortable.  
I think everyone  
will be wearing  
them in the  
future.**



**DRAIN  
THE FIRE  
SWAMP!**



**Do you think we'll  
be safe in the fire  
swamp? There  
are flame bursts,  
lightning sand,  
and rodents  
of unusual  
size.**

**With Covid-19 about,  
it's still safer than  
going thru  
Texas!**





**We now have a miracle vaccine.  
It's a perfect vaccine. It works better  
than iocane powder. It works fast.  
Very fast. The chocolate coating  
helps it go down easier.**

**Turns out his brain is only  
"mostly dead".**



**The events of 2020  
were INCONCEIVABLE!**

**It's hard to believe  
it's not even over yet!**

**What's next?  
Shreiking eels?!**

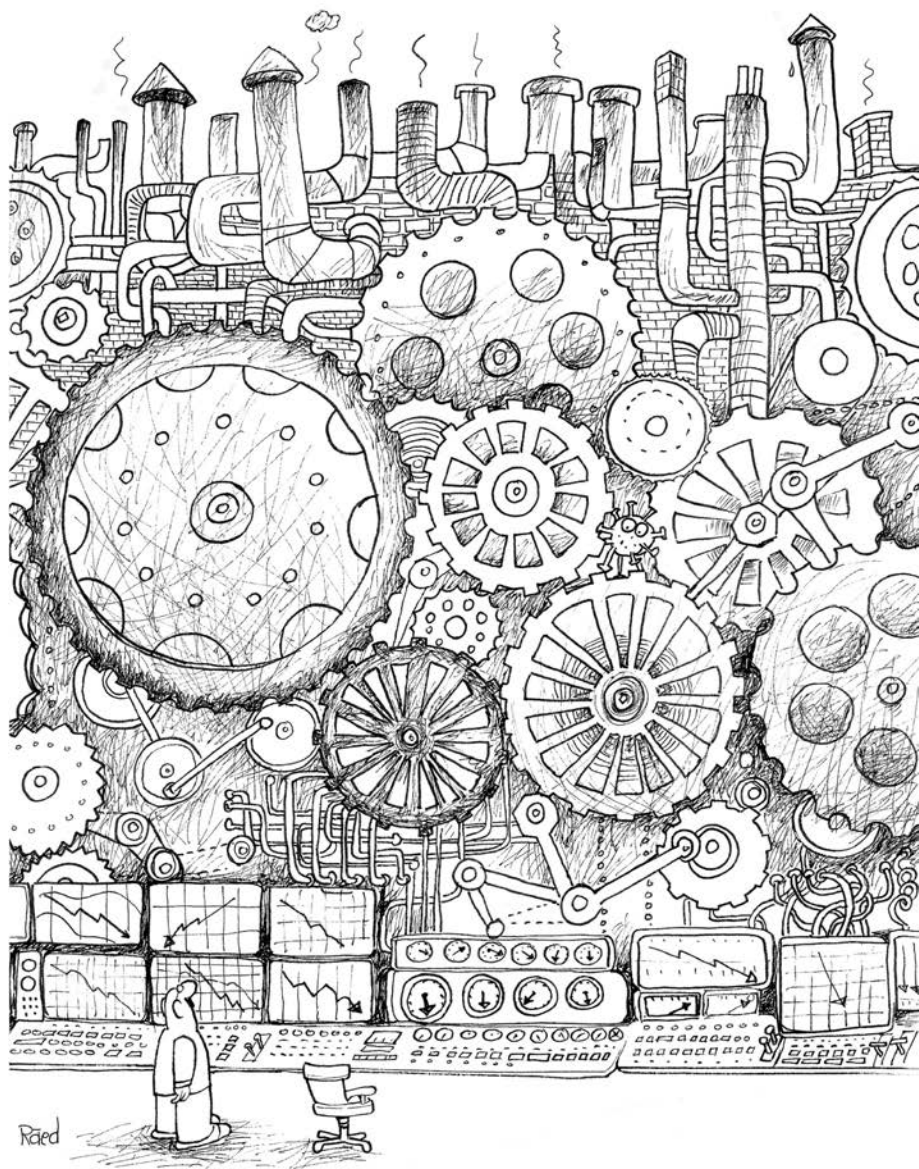


**As you wish.**



# Machine Covid-19

by Ráed Al-Rawi





# PURGATORY

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PERFORMANCE ART, AND EDM EVENT,  
FEATURING INTERACTIVE CONSENSUAL  
BDSM DEMONSTRATIONS IN A SAFE AND  
SANE ENVIRONMENT."

# Duckbutt

by Henry Eudy



NO! NO! STOP IT!  
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE  
DOING!

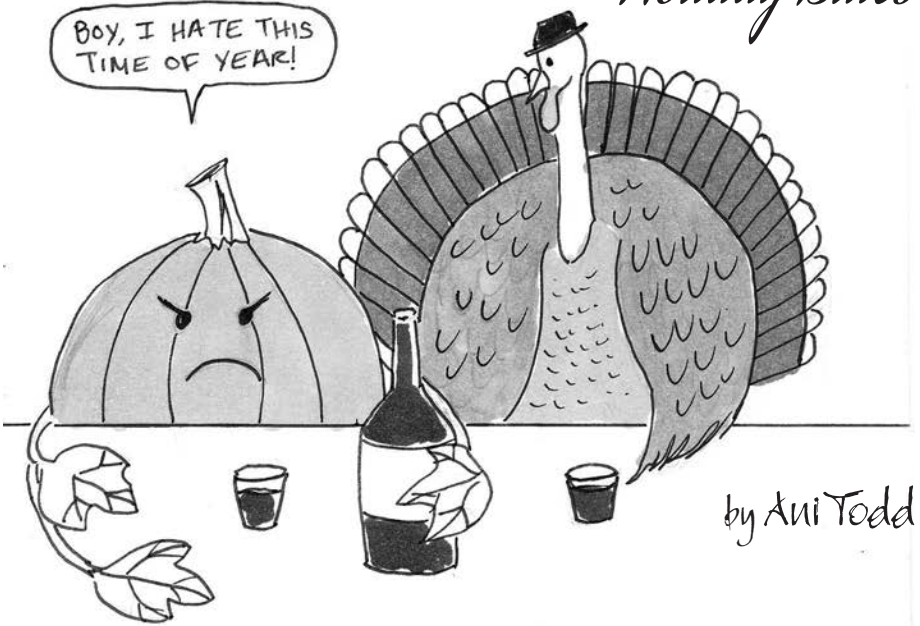


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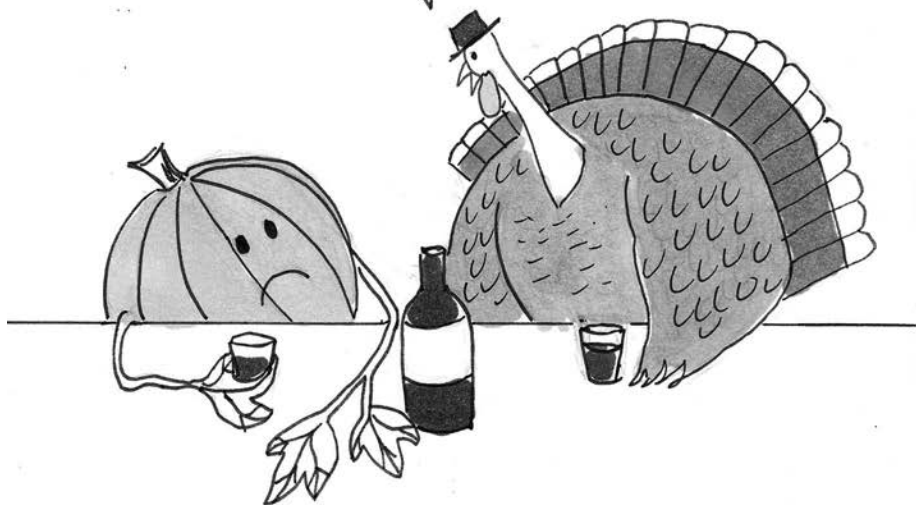


# Holiday Blues

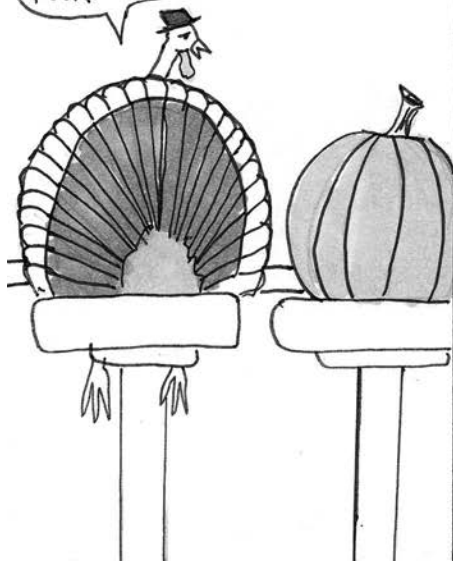




I FEEL YA, SIS. YOU AIN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS TO GO UNDER THE KNIFE. WAIT 'TIL NEXT MONTH! THEN IT'LL BE TURKEY EVERYTHING! MY ONLY HOPE WILL BE THAT I GET A PARDON FROM THE PRESIDENT.



ELSE I'LL BE STEWING IN MY OWN JUICES, SERVED WITH GRAVY MADE OUT OF MY OWN GIBLETS. MY LEGACY WILL BE DEFINED AS LEFTOVERS FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR.



NO ONE HAS IT ROUGHER THAN US DURING THE HOLIDAYS.





YES, THANK YOU AND KEEP IT COMING, PLEASE.

THEN AFTER THEY CHOP US DOWN AND DRAG US OUT OF THE FOREST, THEY DRESS US UP IN TACKY LIGHTS AND THEN PUT A STAR ON OUR HEADS.

THREE WEEKS LATER WE'RE PUT ON THE SIDE OF THE CURB ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE GARBAGE









So BeBe - somebody was telling me you dance at Nu Star Strip Club after you get outa here at night! You cray cray, Bebe!



Oh yeah, Trixie. You know I gots to feed all them illegitimate kids I got, girl! You should, like, totally hear some conversations there! wild!



\*... Later That Night ... At Nu Star Strip Club ... Backstage ...



So were you all aware that most car companies' logos involve the planet SATURN in some kind of way? Strange, right?

Nu Star Coffee by Mike Greeley





Oh gee wizz ... SATURN?  
What for?



"Don't mind if I interject, Candy,  
but I do know the answer.  
It's because the global, satanic  
elite have a THING for the god  
SATURN. The Hexagram, the  
EYE, TIME, the scythe, the sickle  
are all symbols for him - the god  
of DEATH. They hide it everywhere.  
Even JACK IN THE BOX has a  
CUBE in its logo - and the "K"  
in JACK is actually a sickle.  
They hide it EVERYWHERE -  
ALWAYS WATCHING YOU!



Hello? - I hate to interrupt this  
lame-ass - whatever-you-guys-  
are-talking-about - But I need  
to get my new tits to match and  
I'm going on stage in 5. Can  
somebody help me out, please?



Say, Nu Star Strip Club? NU  
STAR is actually an anagram  
for SATURN! Holy Beezelehub,  
Gemini, you were right! I wonder  
who REALLY owns this place!

# FIRST SNOW.



A wildfire has been ravaging my current state of residence for the majority of the summer. Colorado isn't any stranger to this kind of thing, but this summer's has been different, more intense, destroying acres worth of forest, painting the sky red.



On Labor Day weekend, though.. things switched up a bit.



The Cameron Peak Fire has been covering the entire Front Range with smoke. At the time of writing, it's become the third largest fire in Colorado history, with over 120,251 acres going up in smoke. The town I currently reside in while I get together the cash to snag an RV and hit the road again has been inundated with the smell of burning cedar; the sky tinted a deep crimson for weeks on end.

Nearly everyone in the state has been waiting with baited breath for an evacuation order, expecting it to come at any point.

However, on Labor Day Weekend, we got another announcement.

Snow.



I'm no stranger to whiplash. There's a reason I smoke as much as I do, went back to drinking after four years sober, and have spent the majority of my years living out of vehicles and running like hell. When you're never afforded the luxury of stability, you get used to expecting the unexpected, and if any year in memory has imparted the value of adaptability, it's this year right here.











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